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SUBJECT:RESPONSE TO APOLLO-SOYUZ CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM
SENT THE PRESIDENT BY VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO
THE APOLLO-SOYUZ CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM SENT HIM BY
VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ.
2. QUOTE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES AS WE
CELEBRATE THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE APOLLO-SOYUZ
MISSION. I HAVE BEEN HEARTENED BY THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF
THIS FIRST INTERNATIONAL MANNED SPACE VENTURE AND HAVE
GREAT HOPES FOR FUTURE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SPACE.
THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION DEMONSTRATES THAT, BY COMBINING
THEIR SKILLS AND INTELLECT, NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAVE
ENORMOUS POTENTIAL FOR SOLVING COMMON PROBLEMS AND ATTAINING
COMMON GOALS ON EARTH AS WELL AS IN SPACE. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE

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3. FYI FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE
RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT PEREZ. QUOTE: THE PRESIDENT, THE
WHITE HOUSE. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF

VENEZUELA, I CONGRATULATE YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE HAPPY INITIATIVE CULMINATING TODAY WITH THE TOTAL SUCCESS OF THE DOCKING IN SPACE OF THE APOLLO AND SOYUZ SPACECRAFTS, THUS UNITING THE ASTONISHING TECHNOLOGICAL EFFORT OF THOSE TWO GRAND NATIONS OF THE WORLD. THIS EXTRAORDINARY ACCOMPLISHMENT CONSTITUTES NOT ONLY A SOLID GUARANTEE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF UNIVERSAL TECHNOLOGY, BUT ALSO IT HAS SINGULAR POLITICAL TRANSCENDENCY FOR UNITING ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH IN THE SEARCH OF AN INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WHICH MAY ASSURE WORLD PEACE FOUNDED IN JUSTICE AND IN HUMAN DIGNITY GUARANTEEING UNIVERSAL WELL-BEING. I AM SURE THAT ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE THIRD WORLD AND PARTICULARLY THOSE OF OUR LATIN AMERICA RECEIVE THE TRANSCENDENTAL DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION AS A PROMISING OMEN FOR THE ASPIRATION AND THE RIGHT OF OUR NATIONS TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER BASED ON EQUITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT AMONG PEOPLES, WITH ADEQUATE ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY FOR THE INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONS OF THE THIRD WORLD AND FOR THE EQUILIBRIUM OF PRICES WHICH ARE PAID US FOR THE PRIMARY MATERIALS WHICH WE PRODUCE AND THE MANUFACTURES OR CAPITAL WEALTH AND TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFERS WHICH WE REQUIRE. RESPECTFULLY, CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA. UNQUOTE

4. NO RELEASE INTENDED BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. INGERSOLL

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